

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1169

SENATE BILL NO. 1291

By Tracy, Jackson

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1058

By Gresham, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 12, Part 1, relative to financial responsibility of drivers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-12-139, is amended by deleting subsection (e) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(e) On or before the court date, the person so charged may submit evidence of financial responsibility at the time of the violation. If it is the person's first violation of this section and the court is satisfied that such financial responsibility was in effect at the time of the violation, the charge of failure to provide evidence of financial responsibility shall be dismissed. Upon the person's second or subsequent violation of this section, if the court is satisfied that such financial responsibility was in effect at the time of the violation, the charge of failure to provide evidence of financial responsibility may be dismissed. Any charge which is dismissed pursuant to this subsection (e) shall be dismissed without costs to the defendant and no litigation tax shall be due or collected, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-12-140(b), is amended by deleting the second sentence in its entirety.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 20, 2008



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 19th day of June 2008



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR